

Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School Celebrates Record AP Performance, Expanding Access, and Community Pride

Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School (BBCHS) proudly announces its 2025 Advanced Placement (AP) score results, marking a historic milestone in student achievement, academic rigor, and inclusive excellence. With continued growth in both participation and performance, BBCHS students and educators have once again demonstrated their commitment to college readiness and educational equity.

Record Growth in Participation and Achievement

In 2025, 626 BBCHS students participated in AP coursework—an increase from 2021, when just 211 students were enrolled. This year also saw a record 1,014 AP exams administered, more than tripling the 2021 total of 318.

Most significantly, 576 scores of 3 or higher, representing 357 unique students, qualifying for college credit at many colleges and universities nationwide. With a pass rate of 57.03%, BBCHS posted its strongest AP performance in five years, reflecting both rigorous academic instruction and a growing culture of high expectations.

A Quality Measure: Number of Exams Passed

At BBCHS, the number of AP exams passed—not just taken—is a key quality indicator. The 576 passing scores (3, 4, or 5) this year reflect student mastery of advanced coursework and signal true college readiness. This emphasis on outcomes, rather than mere enrollment, aligns with BBCHS's academic vision and commitment to student success.

Course-Level Highlights: Excellence Across Disciplines

Several AP courses stood out in 2025 for outstanding performance and growth:

- AP Psychology had 141 students take the exam, with 92 scoring a 3 or higher—a 65.2% pass rate.
- AP U.S. History had 100 students take the exam, with 65 earning college credit, resulting in a 65% pass rate.
- AP Biology saw 47 students take the test, and 36 passed, yielding a 76.6% pass rate,
- AP English Literature and Composition also shined, with 52 out of 78 students passing, a 66.7% pass rate.
- AP Spanish Language and Culture continued its tradition of success with 15 students tested and 13 passing—a 86.7% pass rate.

These course-level successes are a testament to the expertise and dedication of the BBCHS teaching staff and the hard work of students.

Ensuring Access: Exam Costs Covered for All

To ensure that every student has the opportunity to benefit from AP coursework and testing, BBCHS covers the full cost of all AP exams. This financial support is made possible through federal education grants and is part of the school's unwavering commitment to academic equity. No student is denied access due to inability to pay, and all are encouraged to challenge themselves through rigorous coursework.

Celebrating Equity and Community Pride

Over the past five years, BBCHS has worked to increase AP access among historically underrepresented student populations, including first-generation college-bound students, students receiving free and reduced lunch, and students of color. This focus has yielded a more diverse AP cohort and rising performance across all groups.

In a tradition that reflects community pride in these scores, teachers personally deliver celebratory AP yard signs to students' homes, recognizing their AP accomplishments. These signs not only honor individual effort but also allow families and neighbors to join in celebrating academic success. It's a joyful moment of recognition that connects achievement with community pride.

Educator Commitment: Skills-Based Teaching and Test Preparation

The achievements of 2025 would not be possible without the dedication of BBCHS's AP teaching staff, who blend content mastery with skill development and test readiness. From analytical writing to data interpretation, students are trained in college-level skills that extend beyond test day. Teachers provide targeted preparation while nurturing curiosity, confidence, and resilience in each learner.

For more information about AP programs and academic pathways at BBCHS, please contact:

Tiff Kohl
Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School
Email: tkohl@bbchs.org



SCHOOL SUMMARY

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total AP Students	211	354	523	531	626
Number of Exams	318	573	865	821	1,014
AP Students with Scores 3+	98	168	217	240	357
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	46.45	47.46	41.49	45.20	57.03



% OF TOTAL AP STUDENTS WITH SCORES 3+

